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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all who were able to attend one of our literacy information sessions on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. If you were unable to attend, or would like to see the presentation again please follow this you tube link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4SisnnAgKY>

The aims of the session were:

- To introduce literacy in Reception (Comprehension, Phonics, Writing)
- To share how mathematics is taught
- To develop parent's confidence in helping their children at home
- To give parents the chance to ask questions

At the end of the session we asked you to fill in an evaluation form. All feedback that those who attended gave was positive:

-All parents who attended felt that the session had increased their understanding of what is done in school in terms of the way literacy is taught in order for their child to achieve their Early Learning Goals.

-All parents would recommend this session to other parents.

-Most parents felt that the session had increased their confidence as a parent in how to support their child with literacy at home. We hope we can work with parents throughout the year to continue to support this.

In light of this feedback we will not make any major changes when we run the session next year or with the format of future sessions.

We asked what you found most useful? You told us:

*"Understanding how phonics is taught at school for Reception level and what is expected of my child"*

*"It was interesting to see how children develop from sounds of letters to be able to read and write words, and how that is built on as the year progresses"*

*"Sounding f, p, b, d without adding u to the end"*

*"PEER reading system"*

*"How to help my child at home in aspects he isn't as confident in"*

Finally, we asked you if there was anything else you'd like to find out more about regarding Literacy:

*"More ways to help my child who is more of a visual / tactile learner with their literacy"*

Thank you for this suggestion - we will explore ways of supporting literacy in different ways as part of our home learning tasks in the new year.

*"Pointers of how we can help our son at home"* This links with the above comment. Again we will continue to offer support throughout the year. This will, on some occasions, be through additional home learning tasks. If you would like to talk to one of us about any specific concerns you may have, please arrange to do this at a convenient time after school; we would be very happy to help.

We hope to offer further parent support sessions later in the year.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Geach, Mr Durham and The Early Years Team

